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Carving out some fun

Jaxson smiles with his pumpkin at the Township of Algonquin Highlands' first-annual pumpkin carving event, with a turnout of 9 people, on Wednesday, Oct. 26 in Dorset.

Pumpkins, carving tools, and patterns were provided, and participant just needed to bring themselves for an evening of fun and laughs while carving a jack-o-lantern to take home for Halloween.

See more photos on page 10. /Photo submitted



Schools will close if education workers walk off the job

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Trillium Lakelands District Board will close its schools if education workers walk off the job on Friday.

But Wes Hahn, the board's director of education, said schools will remain open to administrators, designated early childhood educators, teachers, and non-striking staff.

Education workers such as custodial and maintenance workers, office and clerical technical staff, and educational assistants

represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees voted between Sept. 23 and Oct. 2 in favour of a strike.

"Without our CUPE staff, we cannot safely operate TLDSB schools for students," Hahn said. "It is important to note that other school boards across the province may have dif-

ferent or fewer employee groups as part of CUPE and, therefore, would be able to keep their schools open."

In the event of a full strike of CUPE staff on Nov. 4, all student programming will move online with teachers providing asynchronous

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Director of education hopeful an agreement can be made

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learning through their online classroom.

In what the union had called an historic vote, as many as 43,821 frontline education workers, or 96.5 per cent of those who voted were in favour of a strike.

The union's wage proposal was an increase of \$3.25 per hour each year in a three-year collective agreement.

The last anybody's heard, government offered 2.5 per cent wage increases for workers who earn less than \$43,000 a year and an increase of 1.5 per cent for people who earn more.

At the start, the Ford Tories' final offer was two per cent for people who earn less than \$40,000 and the 1.5 per cent jump for the others.

Hahn said he's hopeful an agreement will be negotiated and students can remain in classes.

"We appreciate that timely communication is important to you, and we are committed to providing you with additional details on the CUPE labour action and any impact it may have on school operations as soon as we can," Hahn said.

The threat of a labour disruption was made even as the province tabled legislation designed to thwart a strike.

The provincial government introduced on Monday the Keeping Students in Class Act. Government said the legislation, if passed, would ensure students remain in the classroom where they belong by establishing a fair and fiscally-responsible four-year collective agreement with CUPE education workers across the province.

"Students are finally back in class catching up following two years of pandemic disruptions," Education Minister Stephen Lecce said. "We are disappointed that CUPE is refusing to compromise on their demand for a

nearly 50 per cent increase in compensation, representing a price tag close to \$19-billion if extended across the sector."

The legislation will operate notwithstanding sections 2, 7 and 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and despite the Human Rights Code.

By deciding to strike, Lecce said the union is "putting their own self-interest ahead of Ontario's nearly two million children who deserve to stay in class learning.

"We are delivering on our promise to parents that our government will do whatever it takes to keep students in class so they can catch up and get back to the basics of learning," he said.

The Keeping Students in Class Act would, if passed, establish a four-year collective agreement for Ontario's 55,000 education workers that ensures stability for students, Lecce said.

It included a salary increase of 2.5 per cent

(increased from an initial offer of 2 per cent) for employees with the top end of their salary/wage grids below \$43,000 annually and 1.5 per cent (increased from 1.25 per cent) for employees with the top end of their salary/wage grids above that amount for each year of the contract.

There was an increase in benefits contributions resulting in a \$6,120 annual employer contribution per employee by Aug. 31, 2026, and funding through the Support for Students Fund, estimated to support up to 875 teachers and between 1,600 and 1,830 education workers.

Government said its last offer included modification to sick leave and short-term disability leave that protect stability of student learning while maintaining generous pension, benefits, and sick leave programs.

Lecce said government will continue labour bargaining with Ontario's other education unions.



Exciting pride events on the horizon

The Minden Pride Committee celebrated their volunteers at Molly's Bistro on October 26. The committee is working on a series of upcoming events and opportunities to connect with the community. For a full lineup of events and the chance to learn more about getting involved with Minden Pride, go to www.mindenpride.ca. / EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



Broadband investment will help county prosper, says Warden

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County residents are one step closer to reliable high-speed internet.

The provincial government announced on Oct. 28 an infusion of more than \$30-million. It's one piece of a \$56.4-million funding package that will open high-speed internet for 11,000 households across Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Of that purse, Haliburton County will get more than \$20-million to connect homes across 16 communities. The funding will enable service providers Bell and Cogeco to expand reliable internet access.

Liz Danielsen, the county warden and mayor-elect of Algonquin Highlands, said the partnership with Bell and the federal and provincial governments will bring Ontarians into the 21st Century.

"We are pleased to see the hard work of so many result in reliable broadband infrastructure coming to Haliburton County," said Danielson. "Access to high-speed internet is essential to allow rural residents, businesses, and communities grow and prosper in an increasingly connected world.

"Businesses need to remain competitive, and the lack of reliable internet should not be a barrier to their success and prosperity."

She said it's never been more important for people to feel digitally connected with family and friends. Rural students rely on the internet to study.

"Building stronger rural communities and laying the foundation for long-term economic growth is what this announcement means to our businesses and residents," Danielsen said.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott said the announcement is welcome news for people who have been waiting several years for high-speed internet access.

"For years I have been working hard to connect the residents of Haliburton County and can't wait to finally have the residents of our municipalities connected," Scott said.

The funding build's on the province's \$4 billion investment announced in 2021. It brings the government of Ontario one step closer to connecting every community in to high-speed internet by the end of 2025.

Scott said the province will continue to ensure that everyone, no matter where they live, can take part and thrive in a digital world.

"Not only will expanding high-speed internet access bring people out of the dark, but it will also aid in Ontario's economic recovery and future growth by creating jobs in local communities," she said.

\$6,600 donated to Minden Health Care Auxiliary

100 Women Who Care in Haliburton County donated \$6600 to the Minden Healthcare Auxiliary on Oct. 25. 100 Women Who Care have been involved in Haliburton County for six years, and this recent contribution to the auxiliary brings their total amount of donations to \$107,750 for the community. Past projects have included Places for People, Food for Kids, the Abbey Retreat Centre, and Fuel for Warmth. 100 Women Who Care are actively looking for volunteers interested in giving back to their community. All information can be found on their website at www.100wwchaliburton.wixsite.com. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

Arts Centre questions answered in feasibility study

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Times Staff

The room was packed at the Bonnie View Inn on Oct. 27 for the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation's (HHACF) Annual General Meeting. While the crowd listened to the standard items on the agenda, there was a palpable energy awaiting the feasibility study results of the Arts Centre, presented by Janice Barlow and Rebecca Cann of Janice A. Barlow & Associates.

The purpose of this study was to answer some major questions that have been floating around in regards to the HHACF since its early stages. "In essence, it is an assessment of the practicality of this idea," said Rebecca Cann, the primary presenter of the study. "You have this plan, this project, and it's kind of fuzzy around the corners, and our job was really to dig down on the details."

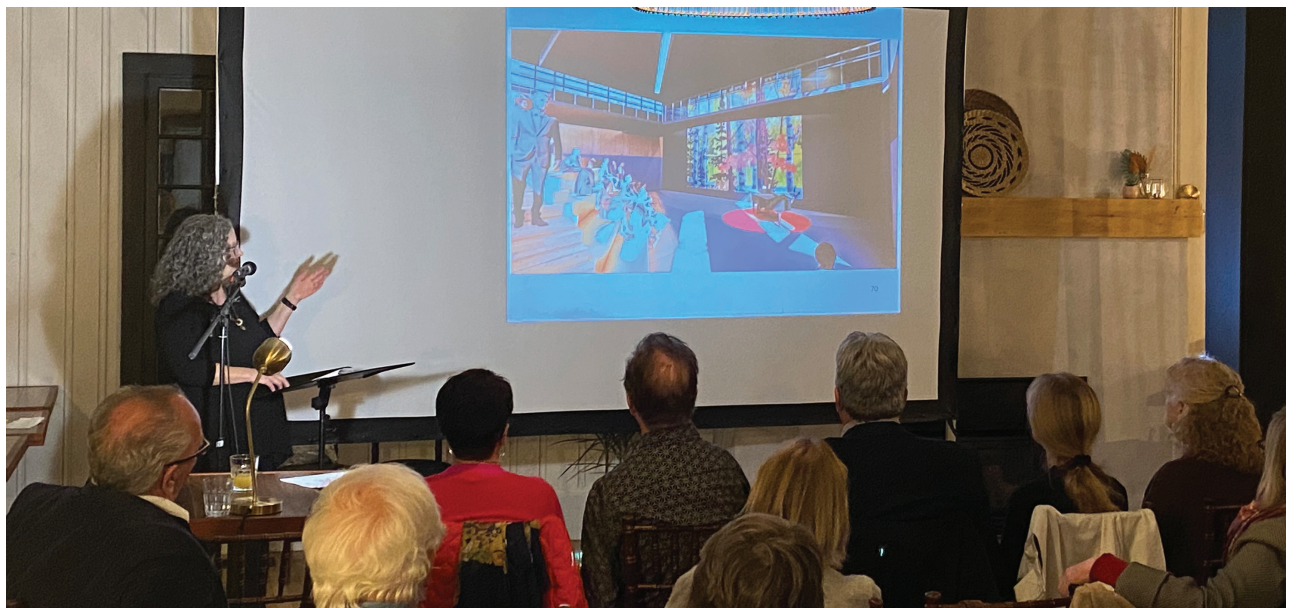
Based on the presentation, some gaps that the consulting group highlighted were, "Do we need it? Can we afford it? Where will it go? What will happen to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion?"

The major question asked was, what resources are required to make this facility function, with financial and human resources identified as the primary needs? Much of the information garnered was collected from a series of surveys the consulting team dispersed. Through these surveys, there were 24 responses from groups or individuals who intend to use the space and 305 from the general public, with 37 individual interviews conducted with community members.

Through these surveys and interviews, the consulting team identified a series of concerns regarding the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion (NLPAP), which currently has a seating capacity of 226. These concerns included but were not limited to: inconsistent access, poor noise control and acoustics, small stage, no front of house services, and not enough seats.

It was through these observations that the consulting team made the recommendation to create a facility that would allow for up to 400 audience members, which would include a rehearsal space, classrooms, an audio recording space, and more. "The fact of the matter is, if you don't have another performing arts centre, or another space where more seats can be sold and more can be done technically and artistically, then you are limiting growth of the performing arts community in Haliburton," said Cann.

While no specific site for the building of this facility was shared with attendees during the meeting, it was noted that eight sites were reviewed, with two sites fulfilling the necessary criteria of desired acreage, adequate access to ser-



It was a full house as Rebecca Cann of Janis A. Barlow and Associates presented the feasibility study of a large arts centre in the Haliburton Highlands. The full presentation and additional information can be found at www.hhartscentrefoundation.ca. /Submitted

vices, reachable via a major roadway, somewhere between Haliburton and Minden, and most importantly, free. In terms of the sites reviewed, Cann stated, "there were some sites that were suggested that were going to be donated, so that is a possibility."

It was noted that while the facility is currently not in a design phase, the presentation was able to feature some preliminary architectural analysis for the public to view. These were ideas of what could fit in the spaces identified, and what is needed for the community.

Costs were a major focus from the study, with the operating budget addressed and broken into revenues and expenses. The main sources of revenue would be generated from ticket sales, rentals, and concessions, with contributed revenues from donations, sponsorships, and grants. Cann projected the total revenues for the centre to be \$800,000. It was noted that these revenues are based on a 70 per cent audience capacity at 34 shows per year, as well as the assumption that the property taxes are waived.

Expenses noted were payroll, occupancy costs, and programming. These values also came in at \$800,000, breaking even with the revenues. In the presentation, Cann stated, "no consistent source of operating funding is obvious at this time."

Beyond the operating budget, Cann asked the audience to be mindful of "the rule of construction," which allows a project to be two out of three values: fast, cheap, and/or right when it comes to capital cost. For the cost ratio, 50-69 per cent of the overall costs would be allocated to construction, with other components such as project management and pre-opening operations coming in at under ten per cent.

Through this presentation, the overall cost of the project was undetermined due to the fact that phase two of this feasibility undertaking is to bring in The Dennis Group, a consulting organization dedicated to analyzing the feasibility of fundraising for a specific project. Until that information becomes available, the overall costs of this project are unknown.

Cann suggested a model that would blend ownership and governance, "combining independent not-for-profit organization with municipal support." It was noted that in order to access funding, municipal support and involvement is absolutely critical for the progression of this project.

The full recorded presentation from October 27 and all relevant HHACF documents will be available on the HHACF website at www.artscentrefoundation.ca as well as their social media pages.

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November 24 – Regular Council Meeting

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CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

Christmas in the Village at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre is being held on Saturday, November 19 from 11 am – 3 pm. Bring your Christmas list and visit with Santa after the parade! Tour the heritage village decorated for Christmas, explore the Artisan Market featuring local artists, try some tasty baked goods and visit the old-fashioned candy shop. Admission is by donation. For more information call 705-286-3763 x 542 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

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The Minden Santa Claus parade is taking place on Saturday, November 19, starting at 11 am in the Arena parking lot. The parade follows Parkside Street, continues south on Bobcaygeon Road, finishing at the Township municipal parking lot off of St. Germain Street. Floats are still needed for the parade! Contact Tanya at 705-286-1260 x 551 or tbudgen@mindenhills.ca if you would like to participate.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Clocks will fall back one hour at 2am on Sunday, November 6th and the Minden Hills Fire Department is recommending residents install new batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms when they change their clocks. Don't forget to check the date on your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms they need to be replaced every 10 years.



NOTICE OF INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING - NOVEMBER 15, 2022, 7 PM

TAKE NOTICE that the Inaugural Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers, at 7:00 PM, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

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AH sets policy for Bear Lake Road summer maintenance

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Algonquin Highlands council set parameters by which the town will maintain Bear Lake Road during the summer.

A policy for maintaining the road, which is a forest access road about seven kilometres long on Crown land, was discussed on Oct. 27 during a special meeting of council.

"It's taken us a long time to get here," Mayor Carol Moffatt said.

There's been an awful lot of angst behind the scenes about the issue. It would be rude and disrespectful to speak of it on the record, she said.

"This has not been a fun process," the mayor said. "There's been a lot of terrible things said, a lot of accusations levelled at staff. Unkind words about council, so I'm not prepared to give an inch."

The policy applies specifically to Bear Lake Road on a year-by-year trial basis. A review of the policy and the minor maintenance practices on the road will be done annually, with findings and recommendations reported to Council for consideration and direction.

The guidelines are used to provide direction for the Public Works Department. But, depending on workload and other unknown circumstances, maintenance activities may occur outside the accepted timeframe.

Seasonal Minor Maintenance

Town staff will patrol the road once per month from June 1 to Oct. 31, and grading will be done twice in that timeframe. Culverts will also be cleaned to maintain

water flow.

Maintenance activities will be included in the annual budget and will only be carried out through the regularly scheduled work plans. That work will include ditching, brush removal, and gravel application in preparation for annual dust control application. The dust control will be done once per year between June 1 and Oct. 31.

The township will not conduct any maintenance between Nov. 1 and May 31.

The Bear Lake bailey bridge, which is owned by Algonquin Highlands, will be inspected and maintained between June 1 through Oct. 31.

Adam Thorn, the town's Public Works manager, said seasonal roads are typically maintained by the department from late May until Oct. 15.

"It's usually whenever the ground allows us (to start), and the temperatures and the conditions allows us to put equipment through," he said. "Some of the biggest struggles we face with seasonal roads is, yes a pickup truck can go through and it's a little bit muddy. But when we start putting something that weighs 15 tonnes on the road it sinks a little bit deeper than a truck. We have to wait a little bit longer."

Thorn said crews have never attempted maintenance on the road before mid-May. The heavier vehicles churn the thoroughfare to the point where more harm is done than if crews waited until deeper into the spring to address a dryer road.

"We hold ourselves to that timeframe," he said.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen said the proposed June 1 start for work on Bear Lake Road is probably a good idea.

"There had been some questions asked about the June 1 date," she said. "But that's probably a good, safe date for work to begin."

Moffatt said the door isn't closed to the possibility of tending to the road before June 1.

"But ... not because anybody phones and says the roads need to be done," she said. "It'll be done when the Public Works people, in their qualified purview, decide to start doing the seasonal roads."

"This is a trial and it may take a number of years to get it tweaked."

The policy will be forwarded to the Bear Lake Road Winter Maintenance Association.

Council has been asked if paving the road to prevent erosion is a possibility, as had been carried out on other thoroughfares in the past.

Moffatt said such work would be a capital project as opposed to minor maintenance.

Some people have written council about a beaver dam that's causing Jeannie Lake to come close to topping Bear Lake Road. It was asked if its removal would fall under the scope of minor maintenance.

"Beavers and beaver dams are extremely problematic for roads," Moffatt said. "It very often depends where the beavers live and whose land they're on."

Thorn said staff would only clear the work of beavers at a culvert's opening.

"That would be the most our staff would clear out," he said, and added that a dam further out in the lake would not be regular minor maintenance.

Danielsen said this is the beginning of a year-by-year policy. Stepping outside that

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— CAROL MOFFATT, MAYOR OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS

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could be problematic.

"If we're going to accept this policy, we've got to stick to it or rewrite the policy," she said.

Further, if the town's going to undertake maintenance, the road will be open to everybody. That's despite evidence of signage on Bear Lake Road that indicated passage was only open to winter maintenance association members, Moffatt said.

"They have no right to do that," she said. "No one has the authority to govern that road or force a membership or tell them what to do. There's a lot of people who use that road who are concerned that the boss of the road is the association."

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Major talking points ahead of new council

by ALEX GALLACHER
Special to the Times

A meet and greet between local Minden Hills Business owners and respective candidates in the municipal elections on Sunday, Oct. 22. While newly acclaimed Mayor Bob Carter was not in attendance, several of the local candidates representing wards 1, 2 and councillor at large were present to talk to local business owners.

The major talking point lead by the event's organizer Dennis Pennie was calling for more transparency between council and the business owners. Many local businesses have called for the creation of a committee run by the owners in order for them to approach council and discuss what each business needs to survive.

With the economy looming towards a possible recession, communication with the newly elected council will be more important than ever.

Another talking point was the lack of reasons to stay in Minden. With the opening of the new Rockcliffe Tavern and the plans to restore the original on injecting new life into the regions, council members believe that more is needed in order to attract more business and new families to the region.

Things like music, beer and motorcycle events were discussed as open ideas to utilize the normally empty Minden Fairgrounds. With both Muskoka and Kinmount running impeccable fall fairs, the business owners of Minden believe now may be the time for Minden to have one of its own.

The final major talking point was housing, a hot button topic in today's times. With housing becoming more and more expensive, some residents have called for the town to invest in more accessible and reasonable housing options. Business owners want the town to grow, and for young people and new families to come to the area and more property will be needed to make that happen.

Minden Hills has acres of open space available, however,



A meet and greet with candidates for Minden Hills council was held on Sunday, Oct. 22 at the Rockcliffe Moore Falls for local businesses to have a chance to speak with them before the election took place. /ALEX GALLACHER special to the Times

as brought up by Ward One candidate Mike Grozelle, out of date zoning bylaws make it extremely difficult for residents to subdivide their already existing land. With a housing crisis looming, many of the residents want the County to move away from the affordable housing angle, to look for more things like quality homes and planned communities.

With a new council set to take office, it will be over these next four years that these changes could be made. However, the event was successful in bringing the new members of council together with the new and old business owners of the area.

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Of government, a pandemic, and Jacks-in-boxes

THIS IS a level of seriousness people try to keep out of their lives. Excuse the improper formatting. It's necessary for space and accommodating a newspaper's column-width.

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Dr. Nicole Bocking (voice-over against the black screen)

When we ask people to take preventative measures in an attempt to relieve pressure on our health-care system, it isn't just because of COVID. It's because of many different respiratory viruses, all converging at a similar time.

[EXTERIOR-SHOPPING MALL-PEOPLE FILING IN AND OUT]

Dr. Bocking (voice-over)

The BA.5 COVID-19 subvariant has born many children. And those children continue to mutate into multiple lineages and sub-lineages. And they continue to develop and mutate and transmit even easier.

[FADE IN-INTERIOR-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM]

A nurse, visibly fatigued, her red eyes above a N95 mask

Respiratory symptoms. They thought telling people the ER was closed except for dire situations. Getting a breath is pretty dire, in the run of all things that make up a day.

[FADE OUT-BLACK SCREEN]

Dr. Bocking (voice-over)

The region has gotten its first confirmed influenza case and respiratory syncytial virus, you might know it as RSV, is bringing children to the hospitals.

[CALIOPE MUSIC ASCENDS IN VOLUME]

[BLACK SCREEN]

Children speaking loudly, making a commotion, protesting, griping. They're obviously children.

[FADE IN-INTERIOR-QUEEN'S PARK]

[THECALIOPE MUSIC PLAYS IN ITS

CYCLICAL WAY]

Red-faced, angry politicians point fingers across the legislature and their mouths move wordlessly. Then the honourable members are seen speaking as children.

[FADE OUT-BLACK SCREEN]

[FADE IN-THE JACK IN THE BOX YOU'VE BEEN LISTENING TO]

A chorus of voices, men and women

The provincial government stopped long ago informing Ontarians of COVID-19 infection rates. But you can tell all isn't well in how hospitals throughout Ontario have, at various times, closed emergency departments because of staffing issues and other reasons associated with the pandemic.



JAMES MATTHEWS
LJI Reporter

The pandemic is on-going, by the way. Nobody has declared it over, even though mask requirements, crowd capacities, and other safety measures designed to stymie the spread have been dropped.

[THE CALIOPE MUSIC STOPS AND JACK JUMPS OUT OF HIS BOX]

A single voice (voice

over the bouncing, swaying Jack-in-the-box clown head on a spring)

Children's hospitals have been reporting patient numbers that have rendered them overwhelmed. Let that sink in: Children's hospitals. SickKids in Toronto and CHEO in Ottawa. And, for people who live too far removed from those facilities, their local clinic or hospital is their child's care provider. Many of those have had to alter operations.

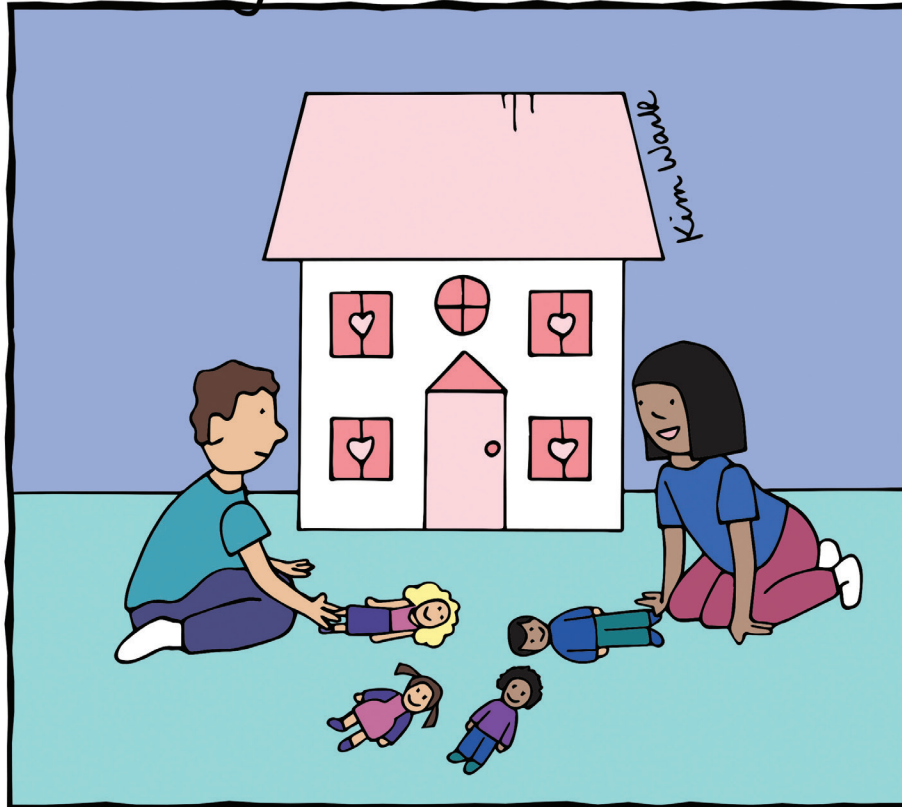
[THE OWNER OF THE VOICE WALKS INTO THE FRAME, ADDRESSES THE JACK-IN-THE-BOX]

The man (speaking to the Jack-in-the-box smiling clown)

You know they regularly disregarded the advice of the physicians who made up government's scientific table on COVID-19? And we're supposed to be led by them.

[FADE TO BLACK]

Kwarky



"Let's play nesting. I'll take care of the dolls this week in the house and you can have next week."

The buck stops here

IF YOU hunt deer, two things are for certain: first, there will be times when you are sitting with a perfect wind in your face at a spot where your trail cameras routinely capture photos of dozens of deer, and there will be, inexplicably, none around.

Zero. Nada. Zilch.

Second, while you are wondering why this is happening, your non-hunting friends will be texting you a constant stream of photos showing lots of deer up close, including several big bucks, that are lounging serenely in their yard.

The optimist in me would like to think that my friends are not doing this to be mean. No, I'd like to think they are doing it to reassure me that, despite my experience, there are still deer on this planet.

On the other hand, the pessimist in me is thinking they are doing this so that they can point out in a diplomatic way, that deer hunting is not nearly as difficult as me and other hunters make it out to be.

Knowing my friends, this is the most logical explanation.

Also, they are probably bragging a bit too.

As if to prove my point, the other day one of my friends suggested that he could shoot a deer, wearing pajamas and drinking a coffee, every morning. I'm still not sure I believe it, though. I have seen tons of deer, and not one wore pajamas or drank coffee.

The truth of the matter is the deer are fooling us all.

They have convinced me that I can put my tag on one if I just sit quietly for hours

at a great spot in the woods. They have convinced my friends that they could easily harvest an animal if they just sit in their yard and relax.

As an experienced deer hunter, I could either be bitter or about this or use the experience to better my odds of taking a deer.

The thing is, I'm not exactly the kind of guy who takes the high road. Neither, though, am I the type of guy who takes the low road. So, I choose to be bitter while at the same time using this experience to better the odds of me taking a deer.

So, I asked if I could join my friend for coffee on his back deck for the rest of the season, which he agreed to, until he observed that I also brought a tree stand, camo gear and bow.

"You're not really here to be social are you?" he said.

"Sure, I am," I whispered.

That didn't work out so well, which is why I decided to plan ahead for next year in order to take advantage of the lessons I have learned.

That's why, next season, my favourite deer stand is going to be set up a little differently. First, it will have built the façade of the back of a bungalow, complete with deck, patio table set, coffee and newspaper. It'll also have a manicured lawn in front of it, which I will mow. That lawn will be decorated with garden gnomes to ease suspicion and a picket fence that the deer can easily jump over, should they choose not to walk through the open gate. I'll even ask my wife to plant an expensive decorative garden there.

And, just in case I'm mistaken, I'll leave out a pair of pajamas and a pot of coffee, too.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

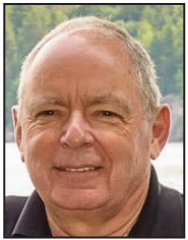
Columns and Letters to the Editor

A bureaucracy gone mad

I HAVE CONFIRMED that COVID-19 is not a respiratory disease. It is a mental disease that makes some people more stupid than they already are.

I confirmed this during yet another call to our federal government, which is increasingly badly operated by empty pumpkin heads.

I called Canada Post because when I went to gather my daily mail, I found our two neighbourhood mail boxes replaced with two newer looking ones. The old ones looked and worked fine, but the feds always are looking for ways to waste our money, so I just shrugged.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

I shrugged until I went to use the new mail box. The mail space assigned to me was so small that there was barely enough room to get my hand in to retrieve my mail.

Well, we all are being asked to live with less these days, so I closed the slot and proceeded to mail four letters. I scoured the new mail boxes but could not find an outgoing mail slot. That's when I called Canada Post.

To be accurate, I asked my wife to make the call. I hadn't taken my morning blood pressure medication, and having The Big One during a conversation with a federal bureaucrat would be the ultimate indignity.

The Canada Post help guy told my wife there is no outgoing mail slot because they are no longer picking up outgoing mail in our area.

"No one advised us that," said my wife.

"They don't have to tell you, ma'am," he replied.

"Why are you stopping outgoing mail pickup," she asked. The reply: The trucks are not large enough to handle both delivery and pickup.

When she asked where we are supposed to mail our letters, he said he would happily look up the addresses of nearby outgoing mail boxes. Most of those he supplied were in far-off places, an hour or more drive away.

My wife's cell phone was on speaker so I shouted: "What about Dorset? It's six miles down the highway and has an actual post office."

He said he had no record of that place and added that he was stationed in southern Ontario, and didn't know much about the north. Although, he had attended a Boy Scout camp in the Haliburton area.

He asked for our actual address, then said Canada Post had no record that the address existed, despite the fact that it has been delivering our mail here for the last three years.

At that point, I had to race home to take a double dose of blood pressure pills.

This was my second encounter this year with a numbingly dense federal bureaucracy.

Late last year, I filed my writing business HST report to Revenue Canada. In March, I received a reply that they had mailed me a refund of \$450, but to my old address in Barrie. We had moved a few months earlier to our cottage near Dorset.

That would not be a problem, however, because I had paid Canada Post \$108 to forward my Barrie address mail to my new address.

It was a problem. The cheque, like a bunch of other expected mail, did not arrive.

I called Revenue Canada where I learned the cheque appeared to be lost and they would send me a pile of paperwork to fill out for a new cheque to be issued, if the old one was not found within six months.

The Revenue Canada help guy asked for the new address. I gave it to him, noting he already had it because I had sent a change of address form to Revenue Canada months earlier.

He said he could not find the address, and in fact the road on which I live did not exist. I protested, and he said he would check Canada Post. When he came back on the line, he said Canada Post informed him that there is not such address anywhere in Canada.

"But Canada Post delivers mail, including mail from Revenue Canada, to this address," I said.

"Well, Canada Post has no record of that address," he replied.

I slammed down the phone and went looking for my blood pressure medication.

Maybe it's COVID. Maybe not. But we live in a world gone mad.



Cotton candy clouds lit up the sky at sunrise on Monday, Oct. 31. /Photo by Guenter Horst

Further your artistic practice

Visual, performing, and literary artists are invited to submit an application for the Halls Island Artist Residency. The residency, located on an off-grid island on Koshlong Lake, is entering the fifth full year of operation. Applications open Nov. 1, 2022, and close Jan. 15, 2023.

"The management committee wishes to receive applications related to a broad spectrum of artistic practices and geographical locations nationally and internationally. Broad cultural diversity is also desirable. Anyone who believes they can further their artistic practice by exposure to a remote, natural environment is encouraged to apply," said Don Gage, co-chair of the Volunteer Management Committee.

One of the 2022 artists, Lesia, said after their stay, "My residency at Halls Island inspired me to move forward as an artist by providing the time and space to reflect on my work and develop a new direction in my practice."

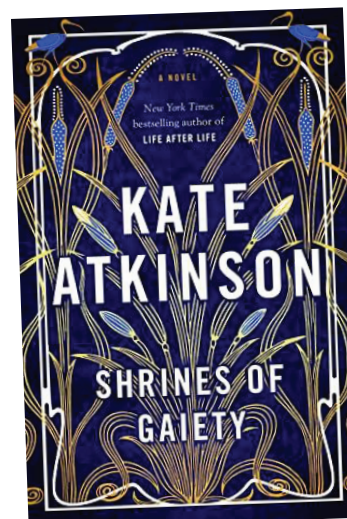
The Halls Island Artist Residency is proud to offer a one-time scholarship intended to support an Indigenous Artist for their stay on Halls Island. Ruth Walker, co-chair of the Volunteer Management Committee said, "We hope that this opportunity will help offset costs associated with attending the residency and will allow an Indigenous artist to further their pursuit of excellence in their chosen artistic practice."

Halls Island is privately owned by a family whose generosity is providing the residency, accommodations, and island access for the chosen artists. HIAR is a member of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative, a not-for-profit organization that encourages, develops and supports several community groups in the Highlands.

All application information can be found on the Halls Island Artist Residency website at www.hallsisland.ca.

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HCPL's Book of the Week



In a country still recovering from the Great War, London has become the focus for a glamorous new nightlife. In the clubs of Soho, English aristocrats rub shoulders with starlets, foreign dignitaries with gangsters, and girls sell dances for a shilling.

Nellie Coker, the self-made queen of the city's club scene, has just returned from prison to find her empire threatened from within and without. A new police inspector, John Frobisher, appears impervious to bribes; a rival entrepreneur may be colluding with one of Nellie's six children; and Nellie herself is feeling less formidable after being behind bars.

Based on real-life nightclub owner Kate Meyrick, *Shrines of Gaiety* is a whirlwind tale of corruption, seduction, and debts that have come due. Available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Austin Boylan applies the tag to a Team Red player, who was attempting to steal third base in a Future's game between Team Navy and Team Red on the morning of Sept. 21. /Photo submitted



Austin Boylan excels at Canadian Futures Showcase

by **AMANDA DUNCOMBE-LEE**
Special to the Times

At just sixteen years old and one of the younger players selected, Austin Boylan, who grew up in Minden, was recently invited to be part of the 2022 Canadian Futures Showcase among 140 other elite baseball players selected from across Canada. Hosted by the Toronto Blue Jays this past September in Ottawa, the Showcase is a platform where major league and division 1 college scouts from the US can scope out potential prospects.

During his Friday morning game appearance on Sept. 23, Boylan earned Player of the Game after achieving two triples and three RBIs.

He was then one of approximately 70 players to be selected for the Top Prospects Game and participated in Team Stairs, where a former Toronto Blue Jays player gave professional tips and constructive criticism to the young prospects.

Each player was presented with an honorary engraved participant bat commemorating their participation in the 2022 Showcase.

Boylan only started playing baseball seriously in 2020, after the pandemic shut down hockey, and has made remarkable strides since. After earning a spot through a video application to the Ontario Astros Under 14U team in 2020, he is now playing for the Ontario Blue Jays, a top-tier program in the Canadian Premier Baseball League.

Growing up in Minden, which only offers a recreational softball, there were limited opportunities for practice. Boylan also traveled to Fenelon Falls twice per week to play hardball.

“Once Covid came, I wanted to specialize and work in baseball, and because hockey was shut down and there was nothing to do, I tried out for a team in Vaughan and got on the Team Ontario Astros, and it started from there,” he said.

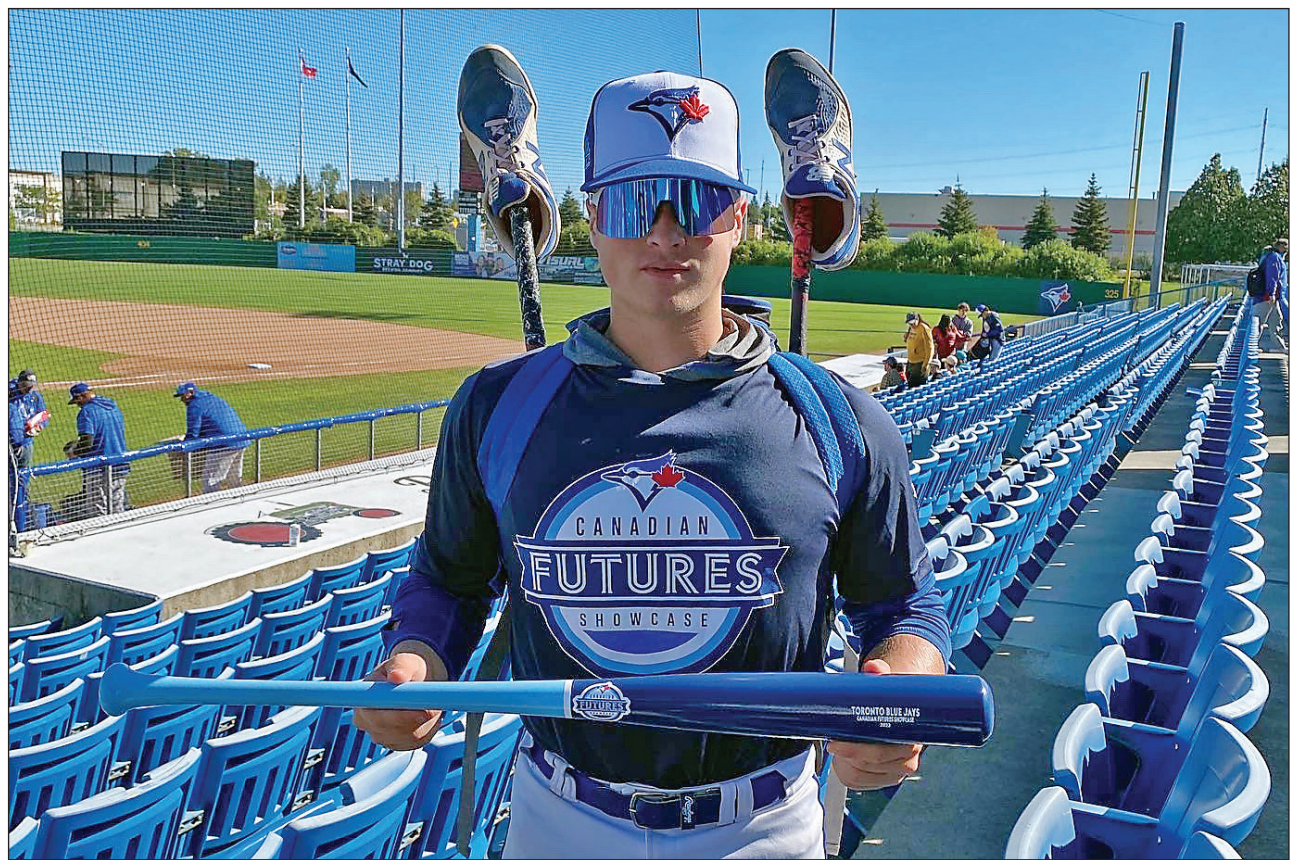
“Really, I just did it on my own. I would go to the field [in Minden] to practice with my mom and stepdad.”

Boylan now lives in Barrie, attending the athletic-based Bill Crothers Secondary School in Markham, where he must balance his extensive training with a full school course load. He’s currently maintaining an A+ average.

In November of 2021, at the age of fifteen, he competed in a game and home run derby at Lone Depot Park in Miami, part of the 14th Annual World Power Showcase, featuring the top high school power hitting prospects from around the world. Boylan hit four home runs to place sixth in the derby.

Boylan said one of his goals is to make the Team Canada PBR Future Games, one of the biggest events in Georgia for players to get committed.

“I have some college interest but nothing really going yet – I’m just not that age. I would like to make the Team Canada under 18 National Team. That could happen in the next year or so, and I’d also like to get invited back to the Canadian Futures Showcase. This year is crucial – [age] 16 is the big



Austin Boylan holds up his Canadian Futures Showcase 2022 engraved participant bat after the final game on Saturday, Sept. 24, which preceded the Home Run Derby and the Top Prospects Game. Every showcased player was presented with an honorary bat to commemorate the selection and participation in the 2022 Showcase. Boylan was selected for the Top Prospects Game and played for Team Stairs, which is named for Matt Stairs, retired Major League Baseball player who played for the Toronto Blue Jays. /Photo submitted by Kristen Glass

breakout year where colleges are looking at the next recruiting class,” he said.

Boylan said he’s currently practising at least four nights a week, focusing on increasing his exit velocity (rate that the ball comes off the bat) and infield velocity (how hard the ball is thrown across the infield). “My exit velo is 96 miles per hour. If I can get into the 100 zone, that’s MLB Division 1 stuff,” he said.

When asked if he has any tips for rural kids who want to achieve excellence in athletics, Boylan emphasized determination. “I’d say grind as much as you can on your own. Just because you don’t have the resources right now, it doesn’t mean you can’t be the player you want, or go as far as you want. Keep your head up and grind. Nothing is impossible.”

“He’s growing up really fast and handling the pressure really well both athletically and academically,” said his father, Jason Boylan. “He’s rising to the occasion in terms of expectations. He’s finally realizing his capabilities and everyone

else around him is too.”

“We truly feel he is bound for success and wanted to share it with our local community,” said his mother, Kristen Glass. “We appreciate and want to thank our local sponsors. We hope that others may wish to help support Austin as he continues to work towards his goals, being a local boy. Every little bit helps, and we are so very thankful.”

Glass said that as Austin enters his ‘draft’ years, his family needs to get him to showcases, tournaments and events in the US to gain more exposure. These events are all out of pocket expenses, over and above his player fees with the Ontario Blue Jay Organization.

Interested persons/businesses may donate through the “Believe in a Blue Jay” sponsor program, where 100 per cent of sponsorship funds go towards the named player. Details are available on the Ontario Blue Jays website at www.objbaseball.com under “About OBJ/Sponsorship Opportunities.”

Lee Train, member of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636, sold poppies at Canadian Tire in Minden on Saturday, Oct. 29.



Poppies to remember

John Austin, left, from Kinmount and Tristan Humphries from Carnarvon are both cadets in the 1129 Hastings Prince Edward Regiment and were selling poppies for the Minden Legion this past Saturday, Oct. 29. They stood in front of Pharmasave's Remembrance Day display. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff



The Royal Canadian Legion Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636

Poppy Trust Fund Status Report,
October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022

Balance as at October 1 2021 \$25,987.95

Campaign Income \$21,613.41

Campaign Expenses & Youth Education \$ 2,660.67

Donations from Fund \$17,160.00

Balance as at September 30, 2022 \$26,845.23

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"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them" – Albert Einstein

Sincerely,
Tammy McKelvey
Councillor at Large, Township of Minden Hills

Here for a gourd time

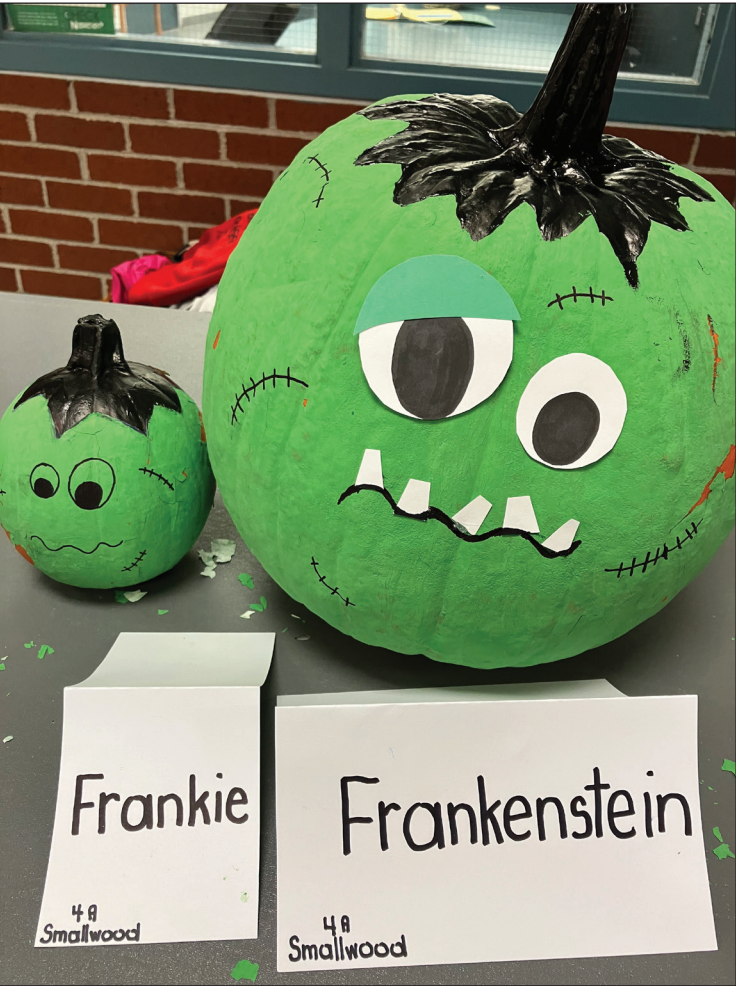
The Township of Algonquin Highlands held their first-annual pumpkin carving event, with a turnout of 9 people, on Wednesday, Oct. 26 in Dorset. Pumpkins, carving tools, and patterns were provided, and participant just needed to bring themselves for an evening of fun and laughs while carving a jack-o-lantern to take home for Halloween. /Photos submitted



Fun was had by all at the Township of Algonquin Highlands' first-annual pumpkin carving event.



Tom holds up the pumpkin he carved.

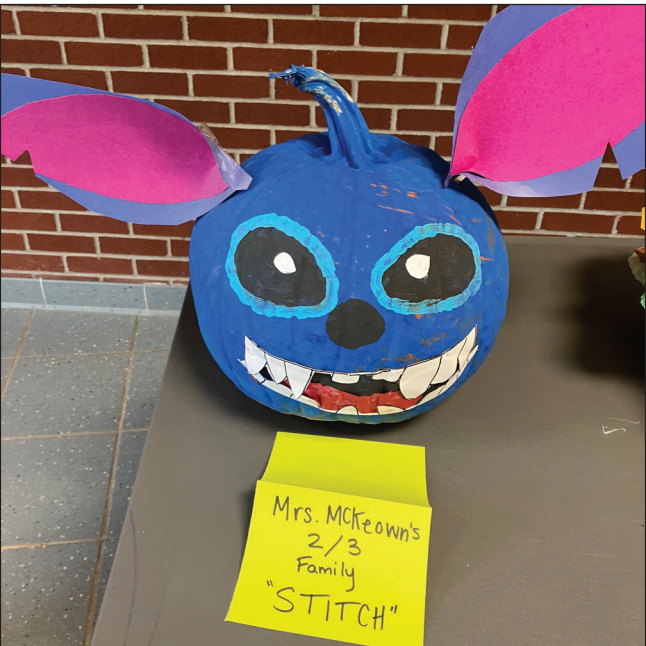


Ahead of the carve

Mrs. Smallwood's Grade 4 class painted their pumpkins green to create "Frankie" and "Frankenstein" for Archie Stouffer Elementary School's pumpkin decorating contest. /Photos submitted by Laurie Kempel



The "Kempel Cats" pumpkins were created by Ms. Kempel's Grade 4/5 class for Archie Stouffer Elementary School's pumpkin decorating contest on Monday, Oct. 31. Students were invited to wear costumes for the occasion.



Mrs. McKeown's Grade 2/3 class created "Stitch" from Lilo and Stitch out of their pumpkin.

Jennifer Hughey and her daughter, Cara, were busy with a full table of party-goers playing Halloween Bingo at the Family Halloween Party on Oct. 28, hosted by the Township of Minden Hills' events committee.



Festive family fun

Joshlynn Ruff and Lexi Feero show off their creative, homemade costumes at the Family Halloween Party. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



There were between 150-200 party goers in attendance at the Family Halloween Party hosted at the Minden Community Centre on Oct. 28. "There were at least 75 children there from very tiny babies to teenagers," said Lynda Litwin, events committee member, "parents and grandparents enjoyed the party as did the children."



Shelby, Rory, and Andy MacMillan have a costume that honoured the east coast trip they took as a family last summer. They were one of the many families who dressed up in themed costumes at the family-friendly function.



Rob Kleyson, Allan Guinan, and Rick Pereira made sure to dress up for the event, which hosted a series of Waldos, vampires, pirates, astronauts, scarecrows, and more.



Minden magic

Ommh Boutique and EAT Cheeserie + Cocktails hosted their first big Halloween bash on Saturday, Oct. 29. The event was hosted in collaboration with Minden Pride. The night kicked off with a wonderful dance from local witches, who strut their stuff for the Halloween Season. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



EAT Cheeserie + Cocktails staff kept busy bartending a series of signature drinks throughout the evening. The staff were happy with how well attended the event was, and grateful that there were so many great Halloween-themed events for the community to enjoy.



The family of the late Anu Lellep makes a donation of more than \$7,200 to the Township of Algonquin Highlands. Anu was a dedicated supporter and volunteer at the Frost Centre Ski Trails, and money donated in her memory is being used to reopen the Moose Trail. From left are Councillor Julia Shortreed, Councillor Jennifer Dailoux, Councillor Lisa Barry, Lembit Lellep, Wally Ozog, Mayor Carol Moffatt, Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen and Parks, Rec and Trails Manager Chris Card. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff



The Ski Friends of the Frost make a donation of more than \$2,700 to the Township of Algonquin Highlands. Combined with a donation from the family of the late Anu Lellep, \$10,000 is being used to remove hazardous trees from along the Moose Trail, which has been closed since 2017 due to beech bark disease. Pictured from left are Councillor Julia Shortreed, Councillor Lisa Barry, Councillor Jennifer Dailoux, Lembit Lellep, Wally Ozog, Norm Vanstone, Mayor Carol Moffatt, Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen, and Parks, Rec, and Trails Manager Chris Card.

Moose Trail to reopen after large donation

The Moose Trail, part of the Frost Centre Ski Trails, will open this winter for the first time in five years thanks to a generous donation in memory of a longtime user and sup-

porter of the trails. Anu Lellep, a passionate skier and volunteer, passed away unexpectedly last year, and last week, family and friends made a

large donation in her honour, which will allow the trail to reopen. More than \$2,700 of that donation came from Ski Friends of the Frost Centre – the last bit of money in the longstanding group’s account – and more than \$7,200 from Anu’s family, for a total of \$10,000.

Historically, the trails were maintained by the Ski Friends of the Frost, with the Township of Algonquin Highlands assuming that responsibility in 2011. When beech bark disease began to cause numerous trees along the Moose Trail to become hazardous in 2017, the trail was closed for safety reasons. Beech bark disease rots trees from the inside out, meaning their deterioration is difficult to detect, and that trees can fall expectedly.

The money from the donation is being used to clear 117 hazardous trees, rebuild a boardwalk and complete brushing along the trail. A warming shelter has been named Anu’s Place, and a brass plaque explaining her contributions to the trail system was installed there during the weekend.

Anu’s brother Lembit made the journey from Switzerland for the donation and instal-

lation of the plaque. “I’m sure she’s looking down on us from somewhere, appreciating this,” Lembit said during a ceremony outside the Algonquin Highlands office on Oct. 27.

“I know that trail and the Ski Friends of the Frost were very important to Anu,” said Mayor Carol Moffatt, thanking the group for the donation.

Algonquin Highlands Parks, Rec and Trails Manager Chris Card called Anu a great friend, and shared a favourite memory of his. As Card explained, he’d arrived at work one day and was heading out to groom the trails when he came across Anu.

“So I’m at the office, heading out at 8 a.m., and she’s on her skis, and I see her and I said, ‘Are you headed out skiing?’ and she said, ‘No, I just finished.’ I said, ‘What trails did you ski?’ and she said, ‘All of them.’”

As Card explained, this meant Anu had skied 26 kilometres and was back in the parking lot before he started work for the day. “She was always an inspiration,” he said.

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Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group offers historical expertise

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

If you have an interest in diving into your own personal ancestry and learning about the genealogy of others, there's a devoted group willing to help.

The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group (HHGG) is a group of 91 members who are dedicated to gathering genealogical information about the Haliburton Highlands and about their own family histories.

They piece together the information to create books, manuscripts, and maps about the area and those who resided in it.

They also help members to trace family history to piece together their past.

"We try to make each meeting a fun-filled and informative gathering to make it an occasion to socialize with persons who have a common interest in genealogy," said HHGG vice chair Adele Espina. "New members are encouraged to share their personal research progress, successes and hurdles, and we will attempt to assist them to the best of our ability."

Gail Leach-Wunker, chair of HHGG, has been a member since 1998 and was the speaker for their October meeting.

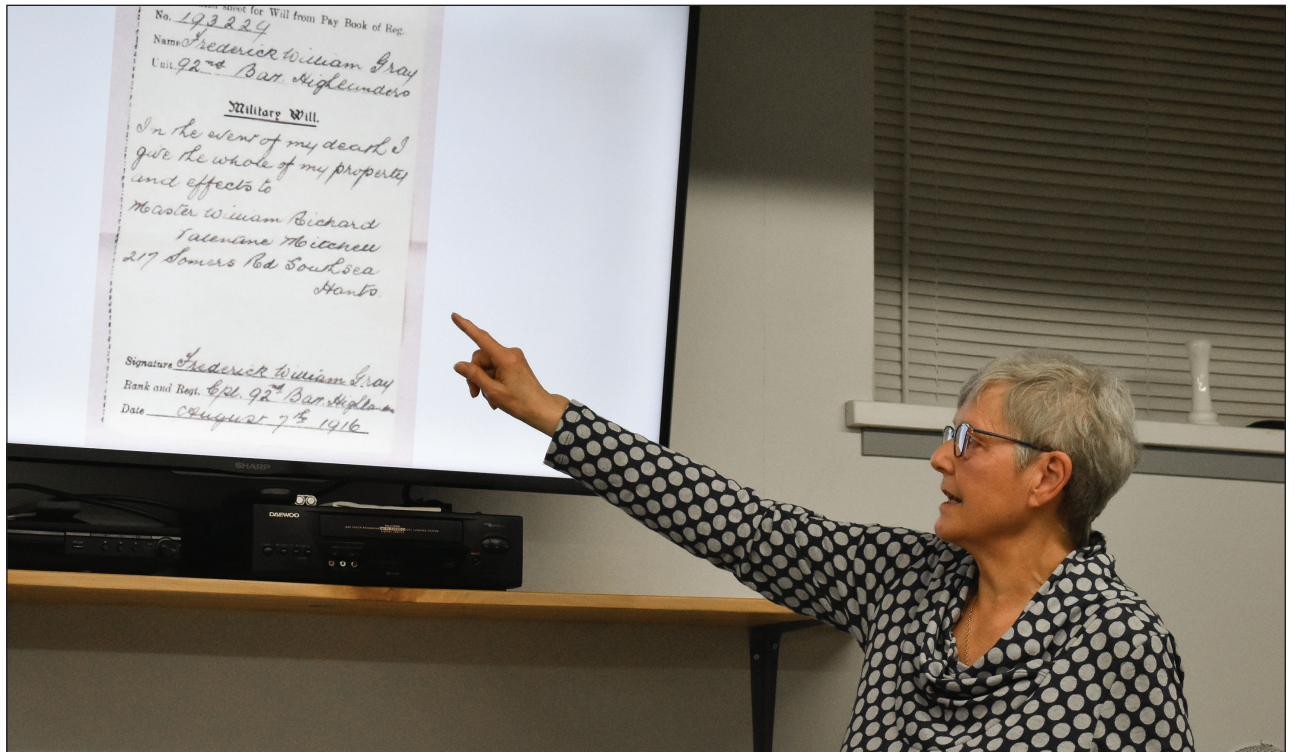
"A cousin had told me he had been researching our family and I asked him to send me a copy of his discoveries. He sent me this huge chart with all these names and dates. Coincidentally, around that time, I saw a classified ad in the Minden Times saying that the HHGG would be holding a meeting," Leach-Wunker said.

She attended her first meeting to find out techniques to conduct her own research about her family.

"Several members told me how to go about it, and I was hooked. I don't even think I had a computer at that time. Research meant going to Archives or ordering microfiche or microfilm," she said.

The group has a resource room at Haliburton County Public Library - Minden Hills Branch and also offers workshops to help others conduct research.

"We offer free public drop-in genealogy workshops on alternate Tuesdays at the Minden and Dysart branches of the Haliburton County Public Library," Espina said.



Gail Leach-Wunker was the presenter of Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group's last meeting and explains a family document on screen during her presentation. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

The workshops are called "Afternoons with Ancestors" and timing and location can be found on www.haliburtonlibrary.ca/Programs-Events.

Leach-Wunker said being a member of HHGG has been rewarding in many ways.

"I have made a number of good friends through the group. I have introduced the group to new people by representing the HHGG at local events such as the Minden Fair, Kinmount Fair and Stanhope Heritage Days," she said.

Leach-Wunker has also been able to help others with their

genealogy journeys and enjoys being the HHGG newsletter editor.

Membership is \$12 per year.

"Help with administration and projects is always welcomed but not a requirement. Members can be involved as little or as much as they like," Espina said.

They host five meetings a year in April, May, June, Sept. and Oct.

To learn more, visit www.hhgg.ca/ or contact hgggroup@gmail.com.

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We need more floats!! Contact Tanya at tbudgen@mindenhills.ca to join the parade!

For more information: www.mindenhills.ca or 705-286-1260 x 542



A vibrant welcome

Fleming College Haliburton School of Art + Design’s drawing and painting certificate program had students’ artwork on display for the school’s open house on Saturday, Oct. 29. The open house allowed for visitors and prospective students to visit the campus and learn about its curriculum. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Each fibre arts student has their own display board in their studio to show visitors their fibre art and experiments.



Kelsey Redman spoke to visitors about her fibre artist residency.



Fleming College Haliburton School of Art + Design’s drawing and painting certificate program had students’ artwork on display in their classroom.

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The Haliburton County Huskies are currently in second place in the South/East Conference for the Ontario Junior Hockey League. /Photo submitted

South/East Conference

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA	PIM	HOME	AWAY
Toronto Junior Canadiens	20	18	2	0	0	36	.900	102	34	291	7-2-0-0	11-0-0-0
Haliburton County	18	12	3	1	2	27	.750	76	36	195	6-2-0-0	6-1-1-2
Trenton	19	13	6	0	0	26	.684	76	51	304	9-2-0-0	4-4-0-0
Cobourg	15	11	3	0	1	23	.767	65	40	207	6-2-0-0	5-1-0-1
Wellington	16	9	5	2	0	20	.625	64	44	198	5-2-2-0	4-3-0-0
St Michaels	19	6	8	2	3	17	.447	60	79	138	5-3-0-2	1-5-2-1
Toronto Patriots	18	7	9	1	1	16	.444	54	66	194	3-6-1-0	4-3-0-1
North York	17	6	10	1	0	13	.382	56	77	326	1-3-0-0	5-7-1-0
Lindsay	19	5	13	1	0	11	.289	52	79	386	2-7-1-0	3-6-0-0
Mississauga	17	3	13	0	1	7	.206	37	80	299	2-7-0-1	1-6-0-0
Caledon	18	1	14	1	2	5	.139	49	104	296	1-7-0-0	0-7-1-2



Haliburton County Huskies defence player Zack Terry looks for a pass during their game against the Toronto Junior Canadiens. /Photo submitted



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Coming Full Circle event offers lessons in listening

More than 100 people attended the virtual event Coming Full Circle, which featured individuals with lived experience with substance use and mental health challenges, academic experts, community activists, and service providers on Wednesday, Oct. 18.

The focus of the event was to listen to voices of experience and best practice professionals about improving local community outreach and services and to connect with others to foster positive change. It was hosted by a local Substance Use and Mental Health Working Group comprised of several service providers including Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, Community Living, Canadian Mental Health Association, the CAST Projects, the local Health Unit and John Howard Society, and interested individuals.

Topics of discussion included evidence-informed public health approaches to substance use and mental health; countering stigma and discrimination; decriminalization; and the importance of individualized, person-centred services.

In her presentation about evidence-informed public health approaches and putting the crisis in context, Dr. Pamela Leece, public health physician at Public Health Ontario, noted that total apparent toxicity deaths related to opioids in Canada has nearly doubled since 2016. Leece's presentation noted the importance of a multi-sector, strengths-based approach, and the need to engage the voices of people who use drugs.

Tim Farquharson, Acting Chief of the Peterborough Police and one of the founders of the Peterborough Drug Strategy, spoke about the journey from enforcement-based measures to decriminalization and diversion, saying drug use is predominantly a health issue, not a criminal justice issue.

“

This event was a moment to see, hear, feel, and experience both the fragility and the strength of people doing their best ... in some sense of community with one another.

— ALEX ISBISTER, RETIRED SOCIAL WORKER AND COUNSELOR

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Ashley Smoke, First Nations, Ojibwe activist and advocate from Alderville First Nation and Secretary for the Ontario Network of People Who Use Drugs, talked about strategies for community organization and how to ensure meaningful, culturally appropriate engagement with people who have lived experience.

Mike Gallagher, who identifies as an addict in recovery and now helps others, spoke of his experiences with treatment and support systems in Peterborough while experiencing addiction and homelessness, and of the importance of respectfully meeting people where they are at.

Sarah Werth, a peer worker at the Elizabeth Fry Society in Peterborough who identifies as a person with anxiety and addiction, told of her experience navigating services in Durham as a young adult. “I want to emphasize the importance of connection...looking back on my recovery, that’s what really helped me the most... is when I felt seen and heard by the people supporting me,” she said.

The importance of responding with empathy and compassion to individuals seeking support was highlighted by Jaymi Hayward, a Counselor and Educator at Youth Diversion Kingston.

“This event was a moment to see, hear, feel, and experience both the fragility and the strength of people doing their best...in some sense of community with one another,” said Alex Isbister, retired social worker and counselor.

A new community initiative is offering listening sessions with people with lived experience to hear their ideas and help facilitate change. Individuals with lived experience with substance use and/or mental health challenges can participate by contacting Tom Regehr at regehr@cast-canada.ca, calling or texting him anytime at 705-749-6145 or visiting <https://voicehaliburton.weebly.com/voice>

The Substance Use and Mental Health working group thanks all speakers and organizers for their work in hosting the event. If you would like to stay updated with this work as it continues to evolve in Haliburton, email Dawn Milburn at dawnm@pointintime.ca. The webinar recording will be available upon request at www.pointintime.ca.

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Hawks hustle their way to OFSAA

The Red Hawk cross country team scorched the trails at the COSSA cross country championships on Oct. 26 in Port Hope, qualifying three runners for OFSAA. OFSAA qualifiers include novice girl Violet Humphries, who took a blistering 26 seconds off her time from last week, finishing 6th; Evan Backus soared to a third place finish in novice boys with another 20 second personal best, and Erika Hoare ran to a determined fifth place finish dropping 30 seconds from her time on the 5 kilometre junior girls course. Strong runs from Haiden Bird, 10th in junior boys, Grace Allder, 15th, and Ella Gervais 26th out of 65 novice girl runners. A shout out to Hannah Sharp who persevered through an injury on the course to finish in 33rd. OFSAA runners compete in Uxbridge Saturday Nov. 5.

Submitted by Karen Gervais



Erika Hoare dropped 30 seconds from her last race at COSSA in Port Hope on Wednesday, Oct. 26, qualifying for OFSAA.



The whole HHSS cross-country team had outstanding races at COSSA in Port Hope on Wednesday, Oct. 26. /Photos submitted by Karen Gervais

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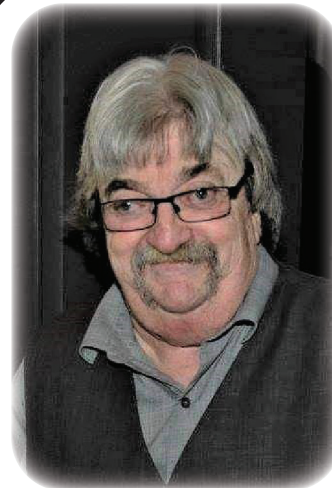
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In loving memory of

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Dale passed away at Ross Memorial Hospital on Wed. Oct. 12, 2022, at the age of 68. Loving brother of Diane Forbes (Doug). Lovingly remembered by Dawn Lawrance of Woodstock. Step Dad of Jenn Blair (Michael), Bryan Hebert (Courtney) and their children Savannah and Cohen. Missed by Izzi, the dog. Predeceased by his loving parents George Alfred Turton and Grace Dixon. A private funeral and burial service was held in Oshawa on October 17, 2022.

Dale spent his childhood summers at the family cottage on Canning Lake and continued to enjoy his time visiting family and fishing at the lake throughout his life. Dale graduated from the University of Western Ontario then opened a successful Photography business in the town of Mitchell and he spent much of his adult life living and working in the Kitchener and Cambridge area. After moving to Minden several years ago he became active in the Minden community, becoming a member of the Kinsmen Club. Last year he joined the Minden Curling Club where his team won the 2022 season and he was named Rookie of the Year. Also, in 2022 Dale was training to become a volunteer at the hospice in Minden. During the last couple of years he developed a love of quilting and made some very beautiful quilts. Dale loved all motorsports, whether as a participant or just watching them on TV. His real passion was for Ice Racing where in 2012 he won a 3rd place trophy in his rookie year and was named the KWRC Rookie of the year. He participated in a Road Rally in 2013 where his team won and he was awarded the First prize as Expert Navigator. When his health issues kept him from racing, he started the online Facebook Group site for Ice racers to keep in touch.

Dale was a kind, gentle person with a wonderful sense of humour and he always wanted to help others.

The family would like to thank the Minden EMS paramedics and the staff at both the Minden and Ross Memorial Hospitals who cared for Dale as well as staff at the HHHS Supportive Housing Program. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Minden Community Food Bank or Minden Kinsmen Club would be appreciated.

**Dale's family would like to invite his friends to share memories at a
Celebration of his life at the Minden Legion on
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In Loving Memory of

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LOOK INSIDE



Women on ice

Monday nights at the arena belong to this fun-loving group
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90,008 for the record

Marvella Smith hopes her marbles will make it in the Guinness Book of Records
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In Quotes

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Fish die as river levels fluctuate

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Extreme fluctuations in the level of water in the Gull River is a concern to Dave Johnson, a senior technician with the Minden office of the Ministry of Natural Resources and a resident

of Minden.

"These radical changes in water level have a negative impact on fisheries habitat," Johnson said.

"This fall, in mid-October, we stocked 600 fish in the Gull River between the Orillia Light and Power Dam and Rotary Park and we may as well have left them on

the road for the seagulls," Johnson lamented. "It's extremely frustrating from a resource management point of view when you're tasked with the responsibility of providing additional angling opportunities and you find that your efforts are in vain because of this radical water level

fluctuation. The only way fish will survive in the river is if they are genetically modified to grow feet."

Johnson said the fish would be trapped in a pool someplace along the river or they would be left high and dry. He pointed out
see MANAGEMENT page 10



A-witching we will go

Students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School gave the residents an early Hallowe'en thrill on Thursday afternoon when they got dressed up and paraded to the seniors home. There are more Hallowe'en photos on page 13.

Minden gallery goes to the top of the class

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Big changes will soon be happening at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden, after a new funding initiative from both the provincial and federal governments was announced late last week.

"This is a very worthwhile project and I am pleased our government could assist you in making it happen," local MPP Chris

Hodgson said on Friday.

Hodgson and Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney were at the gallery last week to officially announce funding for a \$260,000 expansion of the gallery. The new 2,000 sq. ft. wing, which will be a rectangular addition to the north/east side of the existing gallery, may be the new home of the gallery's André Lapine collection, one of the largest known collections in the world.

"This is a great step forward for

rural area art galleries," said the gallery's new administrator, Laurie Carmount. "In the art community, André Lapine is held in high respect."

Born and trained as a painter in Europe, Lapine moved to Canada at the turn of the century. He spent most of his career in Toronto before a car accident had him seek a quieter life in Minden. Both he and his wife are buried here.

Together the federal and

provincial governments will put in \$104,000 towards the project. Provincially, the \$52,000 is coming from SuperBuild and at the federal level the grant is possible through Industry Canada.

MP John O'Reilly was unable to attend the official announcement, but sent a message through Hodgson.

"The expansion of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery will have numerous benefits for the local

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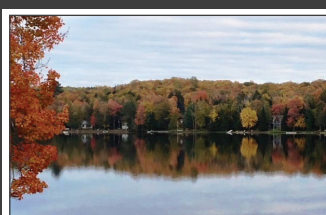
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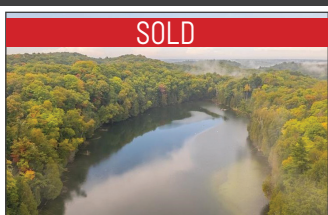
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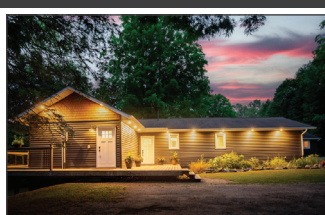
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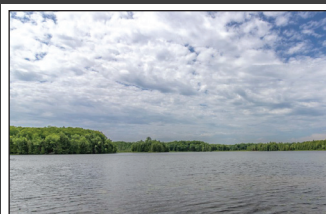
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